

October 11, 2005

Gallatin County 4-H Leaders Unlimited Council
MacKenzie River Pizza

Belgrade, MT

The meeting was called to order by President Carrie at 6:50pm. Members present were: Leia Miller, Sandra Fiegi, Todd Kesner, Carrie Hotzel, Betsy Heckel, Brenda Townsend, Laura Heck, Kelley Phipps, Kathy Cheney and Ginny Francis. Sonja Berg was a guest.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were reviewed. Sandra made a motion, seconded by Brenda to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report for last month and the budget for next year were reviewed. Brenda made a motion, seconded by Sandra to approve the October financial report. Motion carried. Ginny made a motion, seconded by Brenda to accept the '05-'06 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Costco card has been taken care of. There is a \$29,000 limit. We will be able to purchase office supplies, camp and fair supplies, etc. now with the card and membership. There are three cards available and names can be transferred as necessary.

New Business:

Election of officers was held. Elected were: Ginny Francis, President; Kathy Cheney, President-elect; Kelley Phipps, Secretary; and Sandra Fiegi, Treasurer. All members of the Leaders Council were reminded that they must be enrolled as leaders in order to be members of the board. There was also some discussion about adding a category of "adult volunteer" to the enrollment form for parents who want to be covered with the insurance for leaders, but do not wish to be a leader.

Leader records. New forms were passed out to keep track of "volunteer" expenses that were incurred during the year for income tax. A reminder was given that those expenses are tax deductible.

Square Table. The next Square Table was set for Monday, November 14, 2005 at Belgrade MacKenzie River Pizza (if available) at 6:30. This is an informational night for leaders and interested parents to help make their 4-H experience more successful. Topics to be discussed: new projects, community service ideas, and "Survival Guide to 4-H".

Western Regional Leaders Forum. The WRLF will be held in Salt Lake City from March 1-5. This meeting is for the 13 western states. Registration is \$225 by Dec. 2 or \$290 after that. More information is available at www.utah4-H.org.

Any board members interested in attending, need to let us know by the next meeting.

County 4-H Flag. Stetson Robinson combined the three flag ideas presented at the last meeting. Stetson and the three who originally submitted ideas were given a pizza certificate. The county sewing project will construct the flag.

Turkey winner. James Snider, the winner of the turkey has not been located after several attempts. Sandra made a motion, seconded by Kathy to donate the turkey to the food bank. Motion carried.

Concessions at Winterfest. The Winterfest is Feb. 17-20, 2006 and help is needed for concessions from Friday night through Monday afternoon. It is still not known if the fairgrounds will charge the 17% gross sales commission. Clubs or projects will get more information as it is available.

Window Displays for National 4-H Week. There was a great response for displays – Madison Valley, Tater Gems, Manhattan Clever Clovers, Gallatin Valley Livestock, Shining Mountaineers and Saddle Stars all had displays. The winner will be announced in the newsletter.

Grant Applications. The Small Bore grant was reviewed. Sandra made a motion, seconded by Kelley to recommend that the Foundation funds the \$1020 that was requested. Motion carried. The State 4-H Horse Leaders grant was reviewed. This would be emergency money, only to be used if necessary. Laura made a motion, seconded by Sandra to recommend that the Foundation fund the requested \$500. Motion carried. The Foundation has about \$3500 left.

Unused money will carry over to next year.

Horse Trailer. Delana Maney was the recipient of the trailer. Jeff Cooper did some welding on it, and the brakes and lights will be checked out.

4-H Boxes of Hope. Betsy is asking for help on this project. Details will be available when she gets info.

Phone book delivery. Call Todd is interested in delivering phone books in the next couple of days. Payment is \$.25 per book delivered. Call Andrea at 461-0434.

Brenda made a motion, seconded by Leia to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Ginny Francis, Secretary